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Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling also the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, in which the peoples of the world proclaimed their determination to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Recalling further the relevant provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,[1]

Bearing in mind its resolution 55/146 of 8 December 2000, by which it declared the period 2001-2010 the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, and the need to examine ways to ascertain the wishes of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories on the basis of resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions on decolonization,

Recognizing the significant and commendable role played by the United Nations, since its very inception, in the field of decolonization, and noting the emergence, during this period, of more than one hundred States into sovereign existence,

Noting with satisfaction, in particular, that during the past fifty years a large number of former colonial Territories have achieved independence and that many former Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories have exercised their right to self-

[1] Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

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determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Noting also with satisfaction the important contribution made by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in furthering the aims and objectives of the Declaration,

Noting further with satisfaction the active and important role being played by former colonial Territories, as States Members of the United Nations and members of the other organizations of the United Nations system, in the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter, the preservation of international peace and security, decolonization and the promotion of human progress, as well as the profound impact thereof on contemporary international relations,

Stressing the importance of formal participation of the administering Powers in the work of the Special Committee,

Noting with satisfaction the cooperation and active participation of the administering Powers in the work of the Special Committee with a view to furthering the process of decolonization and self-determination and encouraging them to continue doing so,

Conscious of the fact that the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has played an important role in assisting the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and will continue to serve as an inspiration in their efforts to achieve self-determination and independence in accordance with the Charter and in mobilizing world public opinion for the complete elimination of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations,

Noting with satisfaction the work accomplished by the regional seminars held by the Special Committee during the First and Second International Decades for the Eradication of Colonialism,

Deeply concerned about the fact that, fifty years after the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, colonialism in the world has not yet been totally eradicated,

Increasingly aware of the importance of economic, social and cultural development and self-reliance of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and their peoples for the attainment and consolidation of genuine self-government and independence,

Noting that the large majority of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories are small island Territories,

Determined to take effective measures leading to the complete and unconditional elimination of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations without further delay,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of all peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories to self-determination, including independence, in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;[2]

[2] Resolution 1514 (XV).

2. *Declares* that the continuation of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations is incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations, the Declaration and the principles of international law;

3. *Urges* Member States to do their utmost to promote, in the United Nations and the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, effective measures for the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration in all Non-Self-Governing Territories to which the Declaration applies;

4. *Urges* the administering Powers and other Member States to ensure that the activities of foreign economic and other interests in colonial Territories do not run counter to the interests of the inhabitants of those Territories and do not impede the implementation of the Declaration;

5. *Requests* Member States, as well as the organizations of the United Nations system, to ensure that the permanent sovereignty of the colonial Territories over their natural resources is fully respected and safeguarded;

6. *Reiterates the view* that such factors as territorial size, geographical location, size of population and limited natural resources should in no way delay the speedy exercise by the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories of their inalienable right to self-determination, including independence, in accordance with the Declaration, which fully applies to the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

7. *Reaffirms* that all administering Powers are obliged, under the Charter and in accordance with the Declaration, to create economic, social and other conditions in the Territories under their administration which will enable those Territories to achieve genuine self-government and economic self-reliance;

8. *Requests* the administering Powers to preserve the cultural identity, as well as the national unity, of the Territories under their administration and to encourage the full development of the indigenous culture, with a view to facilitating the unfettered exercise of the right to self-determination and independence by the peoples of those Territories;

9. *Considers it incumbent* upon the United Nations to continue to play an active role in the process of decolonization and to intensify its efforts for the widest possible dissemination of information on decolonization, with a view to the further mobilization of international public opinion in support of complete decolonization;

10. *Urges* Member States to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

11. *Invites* non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization to intensify their activities in cooperation with the United Nations;

12. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine the full compliance of all States with resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions on the question of decolonization, to seek the most suitable ways for the speedy and total application of the Declaration to all Territories to which it applies and to propose to the General Assembly specific measures for the complete implementation of the Declaration in the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories;

13. *Invites* all States to cooperate fully with the Special Committee in the complete fulfilment of its mandate.